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Security Information

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Philip L. Cole, Deputy Public Printer, in connection with his testimony before the McCarthy Committee in August, 1953.

1. On 9 October 1953 I telephoned Mr. Philip L. Cole, Deputy Public Printer, and told him he would recall that in his testimony before the McCarthy Committee he had indicated that the Government Printing Office could or did do classified work in its main plant for the Central Intelligence Agency. I reminded him that as soon as this statement had come to our attention I had telephoned him expressing our concern and that on the following day (about 12 August 1953) he had advised me by telephone that his statement was erroneous in that a check of his records showed that the Government Printing Office had done no secret or top secret work for CIA, a fact which he would make known to the McCarthy Committee.

2. I informed Mr. Cole that in the printed record of the Hearings we had not noted any evidence of this correction having been made, whereupon he advised me that he had supplied to the Committee a listing of all secret and top secret work done during Fiscal Years 1952 and 1953 and through 11 August for Fiscal Year 1954 making particular reference to the fact that the main GPO plant had not done any secret or top secret work for the Central Intelligence Agency. He believed that there was nothing more he could do to straighten out the record with the Committee.

3. During the course of this conversation Mr. Cole did say that during Fiscal Year 1954 three waivers had been granted for CIA. He explained that these would not alter the foregoing in any way, inasmuch as a waiver merely meant that the Government Printing Office approved of the Agency getting certain work done by a commercial concern. I haven't any idea of the nature of the work concerning which waivers were granted or why the waivers were requested.

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